



PLYMOUTH

Plymouth County



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NARRATIVE

Narrative

The Town of Plymouth is a coastal community in southeastern Massachusetts, approximately 5 miles north of the Cape Cod Canal. It is the seat of Plymouth County, and has the largest area of any town in the Commonwealth. For most of its existence, Plymouth was an isolated seacoast area where economic fortunes were linked to the sea and shipping. The site of the original 1620 settlement is now a portion of today's Downtown/Harbor District.

The South Shore's accessibility to the Boston metropolitan area has greatly influenced the growth rates of its communities. Desirability in terms of land prices, tax rates and residential amenities further influenced community growth and Plymouth's population mushroomed from 18,606 in 1970 to 45,608 in 1990, an increase of 145% in just 20 years. Also of significance during the period was the development of a healthy industrial and commercial base. The Town of Plymouth is committed to controlling its residential growth while welcoming industrial and commercial expansion.

(Narrative supplied by community)



GEOGRAPHY

Location

Southeastern Massachusetts, bordered by Bourne on the south, Wareham on the southwest, Carver on the west, Kingston on the north, and the Atlantic Ocean on the east. Plymouth is 24 miles southeast of Brockton; 37 miles southeast of Boston; 44 miles east of Providence, Rhode Island; and 219 miles from New York City.

Total Area: 133.99 sq. miles

Land Area: 96.48 sq. miles

Population: 45,608

Density: 473 per sq. mile

Climate

(National Climatic Data Center)

(Plymouth Station)

Normal temperature in January.....26.5°F

Normal temperature in July.....71.0°F

Normal annual precipitation.....48.8"

U.S.G.S. Topographical Plates

Plymouth, Sagamore, Wareham, Manomet, Duxbury, Plympton

Regional Planning Agency

Old Colony

Metropolitan Statistical Area

(1993 Definition)

Boston



GOVERNMENT

Municipal Offices

Main Number: (508) 747-1620

[Telephone Numbers for Public Information](#)

Form of Government

Board of Selectmen

Town Manager

Representative Town Meeting

Year Incorporated

As a town: 1620

Registered Voters (Secretary of State 1994)

	Number	%	
Total Registered	32,159		
Democrats	7,597	23.6	%
Republicans	4,405	13.7	%
Other parties	5	0.0	%
Unenrolled Voters	20,152	62.7	%

Legislators

[Senators and Representatives by City and Town](#)



DEMOGRAPHICS

Table DP-1. Profile of General Demographic Characteristics: 2000

Geographic Area: Plymouth town, Plymouth County, Massachusetts

[For information on confidentiality protection, nonsampling error, and definitions, see text]

Subject	Number	Percent	Subject	Number	Percent
Total population.....	51,701	100.0	HISPANIC OR LATINO AND RACE		
SEX AND AGE			Total population.....	51,701	100.0
Male.....	25,691	49.7	Hispanic or Latino (of any race).....	870	1.7
Female.....	26,010	50.3	Mexican.....	126	0.2
Under 5 years.....	3,478	6.7	Puerto Rican.....	323	0.6
5 to 9 years.....	3,859	7.5	Cuban.....	20	-
10 to 14 years.....	3,789	7.3	Other Hispanic or Latino.....	401	0.8
15 to 19 years.....	3,367	6.5	Not Hispanic or Latino.....	50,831	98.3
20 to 24 years.....	2,513	4.9	White alone.....	48,599	94.0
25 to 34 years.....	7,500	14.5	RELATIONSHIP		
35 to 44 years.....	9,040	17.5	Total population.....	51,701	100.0
45 to 54 years.....	7,932	15.3	In households.....	49,269	95.3
55 to 59 years.....	2,664	5.2	Householder.....	18,423	35.6
60 to 64 years.....	1,747	3.4	Spouse.....	10,753	20.8
65 to 74 years.....	2,672	5.2	Child.....	16,098	31.1
75 to 84 years.....	2,170	4.2	Own child under 18 years.....	12,325	23.8
85 years and over.....	970	1.9	Other relatives.....	1,747	3.4
Median age (years).....	36.5	(X)	Under 18 years.....	624	1.2
18 years and over.....	38,358	74.2	Nonrelatives.....	2,248	4.3
Male.....	18,829	36.4	Unmarried partner.....	1,045	2.0
Female.....	19,529	37.8	In group quarters.....	2,432	4.7
21 years and over.....	36,686	71.0	Institutionalized population.....	2,283	4.4
62 years and over.....	6,806	13.2	Noninstitutionalized population.....	149	0.3
65 years and over.....	5,812	11.2	HOUSEHOLD BY TYPE		
Male.....	2,347	4.5	Total households.....	18,423	100.0
Female.....	3,465	6.7	Family households (families).....	13,268	72.0
RACE			With own children under 18 years.....	6,641	36.0
One race.....	50,937	98.5	Married-couple family.....	10,753	58.4
White.....	49,022	94.8	With own children under 18 years.....	5,221	28.3
Black or African American.....	988	1.9	Female householder, no husband present.....	1,920	10.4
American Indian and Alaska Native.....	131	0.3	With own children under 18 years.....	1,124	6.1
Asian.....	295	0.6	Nonfamily households.....	5,155	28.0
Asian Indian.....	27	0.1	Householder living alone.....	4,006	21.7
Chinese.....	59	0.1	Householder 65 years and over.....	1,572	8.5
Filipino.....	29	0.1	Households with individuals under 18 years.....	7,099	38.5
Japanese.....	13	-	Households with individuals 65 years and over ..	3,917	21.3
Korean.....	60	0.1	Average household size.....	2.67	(X)
Vietnamese.....	41	0.1	Average family size.....	3.16	(X)
Other Asian ¹	66	0.1	HOUSING OCCUPANCY		
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander.....	20	-	Total housing units.....	21,250	100.0
Native Hawaiian.....	5	-	Occupied housing units.....	18,423	86.7
Guamanian or Chamorro.....	2	-	Vacant housing units.....	2,827	13.3
Samoa.....	-	-	For seasonal, recreational, or		
Other Pacific Islander ²	13	-	occasional use.....	2,242	10.6
Some other race.....	481	0.9	Homeowner vacancy rate (percent).....	0.8	(X)
Two or more races.....	764	1.5	Rental vacancy rate (percent).....	3.3	(X)
<i>Race alone or in combination with one</i>			HOUSING TENURE		
<i>or more other races: ³</i>			Occupied housing units.....	18,423	100.0
White.....	49,618	96.0	Owner-occupied housing units.....	14,292	77.6
Black or African American.....	1,294	2.5	Renter-occupied housing units.....	4,131	22.4
American Indian and Alaska Native.....	371	0.7	Average household size of owner-occupied units.....	2.81	(X)
Asian.....	409	0.8	Average household size of renter-occupied units.....	2.20	(X)
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander.....	52	0.1			
Some other race.....	821	1.6			

- Represents zero or rounds to zero. (X) Not applicable.

¹ Other Asian alone, or two or more Asian categories.

² Other Pacific Islander alone, or two or more Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander categories.

³ In combination with one or more of the other races listed. The six numbers may add to more than the total population and the six percentages may add to more than 100 percent because individuals may report more than one race.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000.



HOUSING CHARACTERISTICS

Home Sales (Banker & Tradesman) -

[Town Stats - Free market Statistics](#)

Subsidized Housing Units (DHCD 1998)

[DHCD Subsidized Housing Inventory](#)

Subsidized Housing Units: The number of housing units which count toward the municipality's 10% goal for low- and moderate-income housing. It includes both subsidized affordable units and market rate units in certain eligible subsidized developments.

Public Housing Units (DHCD 1999)

Conventional State:	237
Conventional Federal:	112

Rental Assistance(DHCD 1999)

State (MRVP:	32
Federal (Section 8):	296



TRANSPORTATION

TRANSPORTATION AND ACCESS

Plymouth lies in the heart of the Old Colony Region between Boston and Cape Cod. The major highways are State Route 3 and Interstate 495, which give access to the airport, port and intermodal facilities of the Greater Boston Region.

Major Highways

Principal highways are the Southeast Expressway (State Route 3), and U.S. Route 44, which runs E-W between Plymouth and Providence, Rhode Island.

Rail

Commuter rail service to South Station, Boston, will be available in 1996-97 on the Plymouth Line from the Kingston Station, with limited passenger service from Plymouth. The Bay Colony Railroad provides freight rail service to North Plymouth. Contact number: (617) 380-3556

Bus

Plymouth is a member of the Greater Attleboro-Taunton Regional Authority (GATRA), which provides Dial-A-Ride service to the elderly and disabled. The Plymouth and Brockton Street Railway Company provides commuter bus service to Braintree and Boston, with limited service to Rockland, Kingston, Sagamore Circle, Barnstable, and Hyannis.

Other

The Plymouth Municipal Airport, a General Aviation (GA) facility located 4 mi. SW of the city, has 2 asphalt runways 2,501'x 75' and 3,501'x 75'. Instrument approaches available: Non-precision. The Plymouth and Brockton Street Railway bus Company provides daily service to Logan Airport.



CULTURE AND RECREATION

LIBRARIES

[Board of Library Commissioners On-line Library Catalog](#)

MUSEUMS

(American Association of Museums)

Howland House
33 Sandwich Street
(508) 746-9590
Mayflower Society Museum
4 Winslow Street
(508) 746-2590
Pilgrim Hall Museum
75 Court Street
(508) 746-1620
Plimoth Plantation
Warren Avenue
(508) 746-1620
Plymouth Antiquarian Society
27 North Street
(508) 746-0012
Richard Sparrow House
42 Summer Street
(508) 747-1240

RECREATION

[Telephone Numbers for Public Information](#)

Recreational Facilities (Recreational sites and activities)

[Department of Environmental Management Recreation Section](#)



MISCELLANEOUS

HEALTH FACILITIES

(Dept. of Public Health 1992)

Hospitals

Jordan Hospital

Long Term Care

Beverly Manor Of Plymouth N H

Mayflower House Nursing & Rehab. Center

Newfield House Convalescent Home

Pilgrim Manor Nursing Home

Plymouth Nursing Home

Hospices

None

Rest Homes

Chilton House Rest Home

UTILITIES

[Telephone Numbers for Public Utilities](#)

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